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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application:
of U.S. Patent No. 5,831,944

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For: MAGNETO-OPTICAL
RECORDING MEDIUM AND
METHOD FOR REPRODUCING
INFORMATION FROM A
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REVISED REISSUE DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare and say

that:

1. I believe that I am the original, first and sole
inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the subject
reissue application and for which a reissue patent is sought on

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the invention entitled MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR REPRODUCING INFORMATION FROM A MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING THREE LAYERS.

2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the reissue application, including the claims.

3. I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

4. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of the foreign applications for patent identified below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
Japan	5-038138	February 26, 1993	Yes
Japan	6-022653	February 21, 1994	Yes
Japan	4-230265	August 28, 1992	Yes

5. I believe that the original above-identified U.S. Patent is partly inoperative by reason of my having claimed less than I had the right to claim. Specifically, claims to certain specific embodiments where the first magnetic layer and third

magnetic layer set forth in claim 1 are coupled by exchange coupling, disclosed in my application, are not included in the issued patent. During the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/858,206, which matured into the above-identified U.S. Patent, and its parent No. 08/389,579, and its parent (by continuation-in-part) No. 08/111,974, claims of the scope of the new dependent claim were not presented.

6. The errors to be remedied by this reissue application up to the date of execution of this Revised Declaration arose without deceptive intent due to the failure to appreciate the full scope of the invention disclosed in the originally filed application.

7. I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the firm and Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and direct that all correspondence be addressed to the address associated with that Customer Number:

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